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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 09/27/2007**

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 27, 2007. As said period has expired, accompanying this request is a petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, for a two-month extension of time and the necessary fee, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is included herewith. Should any further fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Winstead Deposit Account No. 23-2426. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

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